

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT/NONCOMPLIANCE
INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 03V-421 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Report Date: **October 15, 2003**

Date Faxed: **October 29, 2003**

MANUFACTURER: **BMW Group**

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: **Mr. Karl-Helz Ziwick, General Manager**

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SUBJECT: 23,000 BMW 2001 5-Series vehicles manufactured from January 1, through August 31, 2001. A microprocessor in the air bag control module, which activates the front air bags, the side air bags, the front seat safety belt pretensioners, and the Battery Safety Terminal, may have a malfunction that could lead to an unintended activation of one or more of these components.

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written only if we have additional comments or concerns.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during November 2003. Since we are nearing the end of this quarter, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2004.

If you have any questions, please call:



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